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7100 - **FACILITIES PLANNING**

The Board of Education recognizes that careful, prudent planning is essential to the efficient operation of the schools and that planning must be grounded on accurate data. In order to assure that future District construction supports the educational program and responds to community needs, the Board will prepare a capital construction plan and will revise that plan periodically thereafter. The plan shall include a thorough description and analysis of local and regional demographic factors which influence general population growth and public school enrollments.

In order to apprise the Board of the continuing relevance of the Board's capital construction plan, the Superintendent shall:

A. (☒) annually report to the Board on the:

1. (☒) number of resident students attending school;

B. (☒) report to the Board on the enrollment by grades during the school year (☒) annually;

C. (☒) prepare student enrollment projections every (☒) year and compare the actual enrollment figures to the previously projected figures to detect early, for the benefit of the Board, any changes in enrollment trends.

In planning for the enlargement or modification of its facilities, the Board shall consider not only the number of children whose educational needs must be met, but also the physical requirements of the program it deems best suited to meet those needs. The District shall provide suitable accommodations to carry out the educational program of the school including provision for the disabled, pursuant to law and regulation.

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~~The South Western City Board of Education is responsible for the regular operation and orderly development of its physical plant. For this reason, the Board will concern itself with both short and long range planning as it relates to the properties of the School District.~~

~~The Board will follow a long term building program to serve as a guide for capital improvements. This program will be subject to systematic study, revision and extension.~~

The Board of Education building program will be designed to provide adequate facilities to conduct educational programs for all students residing in the District. The building program will be based upon specific Board policies that have been and will continue to be modified to conform to changes in the curriculum, availability of construction funds, changes in enrollments and the results of annual evaluation of facilities. The Board will establish priorities using these and other relevant factors.

Facilities Development Goals

The South Western City Board of Education believes that any educational program is influenced greatly by the environment within which it functions. The development of a quality educational program and school facilities that help to implement it must go hand in hand.

It is this Board's goal to provide the facilities needed for the number of students in the District; to provide the kind of facilities that will best support and accommodate the educational program; and to develop a long range planning and evaluation program.

The Board recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited and that it must establish priorities in order to make the best use of the school building dollar. The Board will develop a plan that eliminates any overcrowding. Whenever possible, the cultural as well as educational needs of the community will be considered in planning facilities expansions.

Architects employed by the Board will be expected to plan for simplicity of design; sound economics (including low long-range maintenance costs) efficiency in energy needs; low insurance rates; high educational utility and flexibility.